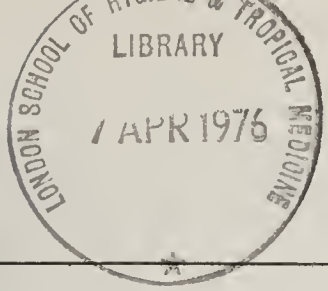


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on the Health of the
RURAL DISTRICT OF STROOD
during the year 1971



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STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL
OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1971

To the Chairman and Members of the
Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This annual report follows the pattern of former years being mainly concerned with statistical information conforming to the pattern prescribed by the Ministry, and makes comment on the sanitary circumstances within the area.

So far as it is possible to assess the state of health of an area from its routine statistics these generally could be greeted with satisfaction - a death rate below the national average, a birth rate above average and the infant mortality rate well below the national figure.

Notifications of infectious disease were one third of the previous year's total and if advantage was more widely taken by parents bringing their young children for Measles protective inoculation, the incidence of Measles infection could fall even more dramatically.

There was some evidence of an influenzal type illness in the community in the early part of the year but the death rate from respiratory illness was not affected.

Deaths from lung cancer, now generally regarded as a preventable condition, claimed its usual quota, 15 this year; over the decade 1961 - 1970 the total deaths were 115 males and 21 females. No longer is there any mystery about the cause of the complaint, and the health hazard associated with cigarette smoking has been common knowledge for some years, but to translate this into positive response from the majority of the community remains a challenge to health educators.

The Rural District Council's authority in health matters is limited to environmental hygiene and the control of infectious disease within its' area, while the County Council is the authority responsible for the personal health services under the 1946 National Health Service Act and also administers the 1955 Food and Drugs Act.

In addition to some misunderstanding by the public over administrative patterns there is the boundary between the City and the Rural District to add to the confusion which new inhabitants frequently exhibit - one can only hope that reorganisation will effect a change more readily comprehensible to all.

STATISTICS

POPULATION

42,070

Compared with the estimate of the Registrar General for the previous year the total was 2,670 down on the figure for 1970. This is difficult to equate with an increase in inhabited dwellings of 385, although service establishments may be liable to fluctuation in numbers.

TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS

794

This total was an increase of 22 over the previous year's figure. The corrected birth rate per 1,000 population was 16.6 so maintaining the trend for the Rural District to have a higher birth rate than the national average (16.0 per 1,000 population).

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

37

There was an increase of 5 over the previous year's total.

As a percentage of total births it gave a figure of 5.0 compared to the national figure of 8.0. One illegitimate child died during the first year of life. The total illegitimate births per year in the Rural District over the past 10 years are as follows:-

1961 - 31	1966 - 45
1962 - 34	1967 - 47
1963 - 29	1968 - 46
1964 - 31	1969 - 45
1965 - 45	1970 - 32

TOTAL STILL- BIRTHS

6

The still-birth rate of 8.0 per 1,000 total births was less than the national figure of 12.0.

TOTAL INFANT DEATHS
UNDER ONE YEAR

13

This total showed a decrease of 5 from the previous year's figure. 9 of the deaths occurred during the first 4 weeks of life. The infant mortality rate was 13.0 per 1,000 live births and compared favourably with the national figure of 18.0 per 1,000 live births.

PERINATAL MORTALITY

10

This figure is the combined total of still births and early neonatal deaths i.e. during the first week of life.

It is looked upon as the most informative of the infant mortality statistics being indicative of hazard to infant survival from parturition and genetic influence. The rate is calculated on the total births (live and still) giving a figure of 18.0 as compared to the national figure of 22.0.

TOTAL DEATHS

288

The corrected death rate was 10.2 per 1,000 population and bore the usual favourable comparison with the national average of 11.6.

MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

- (a) Degenerative Diseases of Circulatory System - (158) 54.16%
- (b) Cancer (all forms) - (62) 21.53%
Included within the total figure were 13 males and 2 females whose deaths were the result of Carcinoma of the Lung.
- (c) Diseases of the Respiratory System - (25) 8.68%
- (d) Violent Deaths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Accidents (motor)	3	1
All other accidents	4	1
Suicide	1	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

MEASLES

Total notifications received were 83 as compared to previous year's total of 288 and 113 for 1969. Notifications were reported generally over the year with a peak incidence in July.

WHOOPING COUGH

8 notifications were received.

MENINGITIS

3 notifications -

- (a) infant aged 3 weeks (causative organism E.coli)
- (b) child aged 7 years (Pneumococcus)
- (c) adult aged 32 years (aseptic Meningitis)

FOOD POISONING

2 notifications. Although single notifications, investigation revealed other members of family group affected with similar symptoms.

DYSENTERY

3 notifications from individuals which subsequent investigation showed as a family infection.

TUBERCULOSIS

The total remaining on the register at the end of the year was 111 being 3 less than the total at the same time in the previous year. 5 new notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were received.

There were no deaths attributable to Tuberculosis but 3 deaths occurred in persons on the register from other causes. Over the past 10 years there has been a slow fall in the numbers on the register from 161 in 1962 to this year's total of 111.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

HOUSING

No clearance areas were reported to the Health Committee. 3 demolition orders were made under section 16 of the Housing Act 1957 and 10 undertakings were given by owners in relation to unfit property not to re-let for human habitation.

One property was subsequently made fit and the Closing Order cancelled.

HYGIENE

The total number of dwelling houses in the area of the District Council now totals 13,601 an increase of 385 over the previous year's figure. Properties connected to the public sewer numbered 11,068 with 2,533 on cesspool drainage. Less satisfactory - no improvements proved possible to reduce the 92 properties on pail closets and the 5 served by privies, although 3 of these are now vacant and 4 of the five are covered by demolition orders.

WATER SUPPLIES

The Medway Water Board are responsible for mains water supply throughout the district with the exception of the parish of Halling supplied by the Mid Kent Water Company.

The position as recorded in the previous year's report remains unchanged in relation to the properties which collect rainwater from their roof and 29 served by standpipes.

FOOD HYGIENE

The Public Health Inspectors made 505 visits to various premises including canteens, restaurants and shops where food was produced or displayed for sale to the public. This routine work, although receiving little publicity, continues as a high priority within the Department. The one small private slaughterhouse on the district received 100% carcase inspection but for the last 6 months of the year was used only for emergency slaughter.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Under the powers conferred by this Act, 98 general inspections of premises were carried out.

At the end of the period under review the total number of premises registered was 137 and 6 new registrations had been accepted over the year.

During the year no accidents were reported to this Department.

RADIOACTIVE
SUBSTANCES
ACT 1960

Within the District there are 3 users of radioactive substances registered under the Act for industrial purposes.

RODENT CONTROL

The total number of properties inspected during the year was 2,286 when infestation was confirmed in 793 properties. Treatment was then instituted. Other activities of the Technical Officer undertaking this duty were as follows:-

Destruction of wasp nests.

Destruction of bees where swarms could not be taken by a beekeeper.

Giving advice on various insects found in dwellings.

STAFF

This remained unchanged throughout the year.

CONCLUSION

Each year the considerable task of preparing and checking the statistical detail in this report is undertaken by the Chief Clerk, Miss K.V. Merry and I record gratitude for her loyalty, diligence and accuracy.

The County Medical Officer and Chief Officers of the Council as well as officers of other statutory undertakings have readily made available essential information and I am pleased to acknowledge my debt to them.

Finally I once more express my appreciation to the Chairman and Members for their continuing support and interest in the work of the Department.

Yours respectfully,

L.F. McWILLIAMS

Medical Officer of Health

Health Department,
Council Offices,
Frindsbury Hill,
Rochester,
Kent.

MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

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1971/1972

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Vice-Chairman of the Council

Cllr. Mrs. B. Wright

Clerk of the Council:

S.W. Stanford

Solicitors:

Messrs. Arnold, Tuff & Grimwade

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:

L.F. McWilliams, M.C., M.B., B.Ch. B.A.O., D.P.H.
(Part time appointment in association with the
Borough of Chatham and City of Rochester)

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

B.H. Gooch, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H. (commenced 5.4.71)
(Part time appointment in association with
Gillingham, Rochester, Chatham, Sittingbourne,
Sheppey, Faversham and Swale)

Chief Public Health Inspector:

G. Wilson, Cert. R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Senior Public Health Inspector:

D.W. Horncastle, Cert. R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

District Public Health Inspectors:

D.J. Ainsley, Dip.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.
P.G. Hill, Dip.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.

Pupil Public Health Inspector:

G. Finch

Rodent Officer and General Assistant:

(Re-designated Technical Assistant from 1.12.71)

C.D. Uden

Clerks:

Miss K.V. Merry
Miss C.F. Yianni

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

VITAL STATISTICS

1971

Area of the district.....	48,435 acres
Estimated mid year Resident Population.....	42,070 (census)
Number of inhabited houses.....	13,601
Rateable value at 1st April, 1971.....	£3,067,160
1st April, 1970.....	£2,847,041
1st April, 1969.....	£2,684,710
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1st April, 1971.....	£30,279
1st April, 1970.....	£28,099
1st April, 1969.....	£11,038
Total births (live and still).....	800
Live births.....	794
Birth rate (after comparability factor applied)....	16.6
Rate for England and Wales.....	16.0
Still-births.....	6
Still-birth rate.....	8.0
Rate for England and Wales.....	12.0
Illegitimate births.....	37
Illegitimate birth rate.....	5.00
Rate for England and Wales.....	8.00
Deaths.....	288
Death rate (after comparability factor applied)....	10.2
Rate for England and Wales.....	11.6
Infant mortality rate.....	13.0
Rate for England and Wales.....	18.0

INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE STROOD RURAL DISTRICT

WHERE 20 OR MORE PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED

Berry Wiggins & Co.Ltd.,	...	Hoo St. Werburgh	...	Oil refinery
BP Refinery (Kent) Ltd.,	...	Isle of Grain	...	Oil refinery
British Ceca Ltd.,	...	Frindsbury Extra	...	Activated charcoal
British Uralite Ltd.,	...	Higham	...	Asbestos cement
Burnett & Rolfe Ltd.,	...	Frindsbury Extra	...	Brewery & Dairy plant
C.E.G.B.,	...	Hoo St. Werburgh	...	Power station
Leeming & Co.(Cobham) Ltd.,	...	Cobham	...	Paints & Varnishes
London & Rochester Trading Co.,	...	Frindsbury Extra	...	Tarpauling & sails; barge repairs.
J.J. Maybank (Strood) Ltd.,	...	Frindsbury Extra	...	Waste paper recovery
Medway Buildings Ltd.,	...	Frindsbury Extra	...	Timber buildings
Medway Welding Ltd.,	...	Hoo St. Werburgh	...	Welding
Rugby Portland Cement Co.Ltd.,	...	Halling	...	Cement
Sitecast Ltd.,	...	Hoo St. Werburgh	...	Prefabricated concrete buildings
South Eastern Gas Board	...	Isle of Grain	...	Gas from oil
Sunthorn Ltd.,	...	Hoo St. Werburgh	...	Plastic sheeting
Turner, King & Shephard Ltd.,	...	Cuxton	...	Paints, etc.
Tyler Boat Co.,	...	Hoo St. Werburgh	...	Boat building
Waller Engineering Ltd.,	...	Meopham	...	Light engineering

CAUSES OF DEATH

(as notified by Office of Population, Censuses & Surveys)

	Under 4 weeks		4 weeks and under one year		1-4		5-14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75 and over	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
Infective & parasitic diseases	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Buccal cavity, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer - Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Cancers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benign & unspecified Cancers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes Mellitus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Endocrine, etc. diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of Nervous System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other forms of Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebrovascular Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of Circulatory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C/Fwd.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	3	-	8	6	26	10	51	37	47	54

CAUSES OF DEATH - continued

	Under 4 weeks		4 weeks and under one year		1-4		5-14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75 and over	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
B/Fwd.																						
Asthma	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	3	-	8	6	26	10	51	37	47	54
Other diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Peptic Ulcer	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Other diseases of Digestive System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	
Diseases of musculo-skeletal System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other causes of perinatal mortality	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
All other accidents	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
TOTALS	8	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	4	-	3	1	5	-	9	6	29	14	53	39	51	63

ANALYSIS OF AGE GROUPS OF DEATHS OCCURRING DURING 1971

PARISH	AGE GROUPS										
	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under one year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	6
Cliffe	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	9	8
Cobham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	3
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cuxton	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	6	6
Frindsbury Extra	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	11	17
Halling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	6
Higham	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	4	4	13	13
High Halstow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	5
Hoo St. Werburgh	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	9	12	9
Isle of Grain	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	3
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Meopham	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	8	18	16
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Shorne	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	4	12
Stoke	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	5
TOTALS	9	1	1	-	3	4	5	14	41	91	112
Percentage of Total Deaths	3.20%	.36%	.36%	-	1.07%	1.42%	1.78%	4.98%	14.5%	32.38%	39.86%

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each Parish:

PARISH	Tuberculosis		Whooping Cough	Meningitis	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Scarlet Fever	Infective Hepatitis	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary							
Allhallows	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Cliffe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Cobham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cuxton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Frindsbury Extra	1	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	2
Halling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Higham	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	10
High Halstow	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Hoo St. Werburgh	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	20
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Meopham	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	20
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Stoke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	-	8	3	3	2	1	1	83

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS

DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each month
of 1971:

1971	Tuberculosis		Whooping Cough	Meningitis	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Scarlet Fever	Infective Hepatitis	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary							
January	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
February	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
March	1	-	5	1	3	1	-	-	6
April	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8
May	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	12
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
July	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	24
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8
September	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
October	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	-	8	3	3	2	1	1	83

TUBERCULOSIS

Statement of particulars appearing on
Register of Notifications of Tuberculosis
for the year ended 31st December, 1971

	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
(a) No. of cases on register at the commencement of year.	38	43	81	19	14	33	114
(b) No. of cases notified under the Regulations for the first time.	2	3	5	-	-	-	5
(c) No. of cases restored to register.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other additions during the year	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
(e) No. of cases removed from register during the year.	7	2	9	-	-	-	9
(f) No. of cases remaining on register at the end of the year.	33	44	77	19	15	34	111

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1971 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security.

YEAR OF BIRTH	PRIMARY						
	Triple Antigen	Diphtheria Tetanus	Small- Pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio- myelitis	Rubella
1971	4	-	2	1	2	7	-
1970	146	12	41	1	210	392	-
1969	169	11	184	-	226	190	-
1968	16	-	30	-	83	33	-
1967	4	1	7	1	44	-	-
1966	-	-	6	-	32	-	-
1965-1964	-	-	4	1	16	-	-
1963-1955	-	1	3	36	9	-	189
TOTALS	339	26	277	40	622	622	189

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1971
based on the return sent to the Department of
Health and Social Security

YEAR OF BIRTH	RE-INFORCING				
	Triple Antigen	Diphtheria Tetanus	Small- Pox	Tetanus	Polio- myelitis
1971	-	-	-	-	-
1970	-	-	-	-	-
1969	7	2	1	2	-
1968	12	6	1	2	-
1967	11	33	6	1	43
1966	49	379	8	4	442
1965 - 1964	16	115	9	4	137
1963 - 1955	13	26	15	59	24
TOTALS	108	561	40	72	646

WATER SUPPLIES

At the request of the Department of Health and Social Security, Circular 1/72, the following comments are recorded:-

All parishes except Halling are provided with a public water supply operated by the Medway Water Board. Halling Parish is supplied by Mid Kent Water Co., Ltd.

The water has proved to be satisfactory, both in quantity and quality to meet the needs of the resident domestic population and 37 bacteriological and 2 chemical samples were taken during the year. Supplied from wells both within and outside the Rural District, the hardness of the water ranges between 130 and 165 parts per million.

The chemical analyses are shown on pages 12 and 13.

The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

The table below shows the details of supply to dwelling houses in each parish of the Rural District.

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses on Indoor Water Supply	No. of Houses with Stand-pipes	No. of Houses with Public Supply	No. of Houses on private supply, wells and springs
Allhallows	280	280	-	280	-
Cliffe	961	945	16	961	-
Cobham	486	486	-	486	-
Cooling	53	53	-	53	-
Cuxton	960	960	-	960	-
Frindsbury Extra	1,813	1,813	-	1,813	-
Halling	749	749	-	748	1
Higham	1,374	1,373	1	1,374	-
High Halstow	325	325	-	324	1
Hoo St. Werburgh	2,331	2,331	-	2,329	2
Isle of Grain	527	525	2	527	-
Luddesdown	82	82	-	81	1
Meopham	2,366	2,363	3	2,359	7
St. Mary Hoo	66	66	-	66	-
Shorne	878	875	3	876	2
Stoke	350	346	4	350	-
TOTALS	13,601	13,572	29	13,587	14
Percentage of Totals		99.79%	.21%	99.90%	.10%

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- Cuxton Junior School, Cuxton.

Physical Characters: Colour Clear

Odour None

Deposit None pH 7.5

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension	(Dried at 100°C).....	----
Solids in Solution	(Dried at 180°C).....	----
Solids in Solution	(after ignition).....	----
Chlorides as Chlorine.....		20
Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO ₃	130
Non-Carbonate Hardness	as CaCO ₃	Nil
Total Hardness	as CaCO ₃	130
Total Alkalinity	as CaCO ₃	245
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.....		0.13
Albuminoid Nitrogen.....		None detected
Nitrate Nitrogen.....		None detected
Nitrite Nitrogen.....		None detected
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes at 27°C.....		0.8
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C.....		0.12
Dissolved Oxygen.....		----
Biochemical oxygen demand.....		----
Fluoride.....		----
Toxic metals - Lead.....		----
Residual Chlorine - Free.....		----
Residual Chlorine - Combined.....		----

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Number of Colonies Developing upon Agar

(a) in 24 hours at 37°C..... over 300

(b) in 3 days at 22°C..... over 300

Presumptive Coliform Count..... None detected

OPINION:

Satisfactory except for plate counts which should be checked at an early date.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

Address:- 187, High Street, Halling.

Physical Characters: Colour Clear

Odour None

Deposit None pH 8.0

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension	(Dried at 100 ⁰ 0)	---
Solids in Solution	(Dried at 180 ⁰ 0)	---
Solids in Solution	after ignition	---
Chlorides as Chlorine		20
Carbonate hardness	as CaCO ₃	155
Non-carbonate hardness	as CaCO ₃	10
Total hardness	as CaCO ₃	165
Total Alkalinity	as CaCO ₃	155
Ammoniacal Nitrogen		None detected
Albuminoid Nitrogen		None detected
Nitrate Nitrogen		None detected
Nitrite Nitrogen		None detected
Oxygen absorbed in 15 minutes at 27 ⁰ C		0.12
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27 ⁰ C		0.20
Dissolved oxygen		---
Biochemical oxygen demand		---
Fluoride		---
Toxic metals - lead		None detected
Residual Chlorine - Free		---
Residual Chlorine - Combined		---

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Number of Colonies developing upon Agar

(a) in 24 hours at 37⁰C..... 15

(b) in 3 days at 22⁰C..... 240

Presumptive Coliform Count..... None detected

OPINION:

Satisfactory

SWIMMING POOLS

There are no public swimming pools within the Rural District but a number of pools have been installed at schools mainly for the purpose of teaching young children to swim.

Advice and help has been given, where required, regarding purification of the water.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection and disposal of domestic refuse

Refuse is collected weekly throughout the district from the rear of premises by means of the paper sack method.

After collection refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping in a disused chalk pit situated within the boundaries of the City of Rochester, and the tip is treated regularly to prevent rat infestation, and insecticides are applied during the summer period to prevent the breeding of flies and other insects.

Cesspool and pail closet emptying

With the exception of those areas in which a public sewer is provided cesspools are emptied, upon request, free of charge up to a maximum of five times per year. In the case of shared cesspools (2 or more houses connected to one cesspool), five emptyings per house are allowed.

Pail closets are emptied weekly in the Parishes of Hoo St. Werburgh, Isle of Grain and Allhallows and twice per week in the Parish of Stoke.

A total of 92 houses have pail closets and 5 have privies.

Sanitary Accommodation

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	Water Closets	Pail Closets	Privies
Allhallows	280	279	1	-
Cliffe	961	947	14	-
Cobham	486	480	6	-
Cooling	53	53	-	-
Cuxton	960	960	-	-
Frindsbury Extra	1,813	1,800	13	-
Halling	749	749	-	-
Higham	1,374	1,370	1	3
High Halstow	325	317	8	-
Hoo St. Werburgh	2,331	2,324	7	-
Isle of Grain	527	518	9	-
Luddesdown	82	77	5	-
Meopham	2,366	2,352	12	2
St. Mary Hoo	66	62	4	-
Shorne	878	876	2	-
Stoke	350	340	10	-
TOTALS	13,601	13,504	92	5

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL DISTRICT

Drainage facilities

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses connected to Public Sewer	No. of Houses draining to Cesspools, Septic tanks, etc.
Allhallows	280	261	19
Cliffe	961	317	644
Cobham	486	423	63
Cooling	53	---	53
Cuxton	960	934	26
Frindsbury Extra	1,813	1,654	159
Halling	749	737	12
Higham	1,374	1,133	241
High Halstow	325	269	56
Hoo St. Werburgh	2,331	2,232	99
Isle of Grain	527	482	45
Luddesdown	82	39	43
Meopham	2,366	1,589	777
St. Mary Hoo	66	---	66
Shorne	878	675	203
Stoke	350	323	27
TOTALS	13,601	11,068	2,533

HOUSING

During the year the number of houses built by the District Council was 73 and by private enterprise 273 making a total of 346 dwellings.

The following is the position regarding applicants for Council houses at the 31st December, 1971.

Allhallows.....	26	High Halstow.....	11
Cliffe.....	49	Hoo St. Werburgh.....	177
Cobham.....	16	Isle of Grain.....	22
Cooling.....	2	Luddesdown.....	1
Cuxton.....	30	Meopham.....	100
Frindsbury Extra.....	94	St. Mary Hoo.....	6
Halling.....	41	Shorne.....	23
Higham.....	72	Stoke.....	14

CURRENT SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME 1967 - 1971

The position at the end of 1971 was:-

(a) Total No. of Houses on list.....	314
(b) Total No. of Houses dealt with by the Department.....	184
(c) Total No. of Houses awaiting action.....	130
(d) Total No. of Houses demolished.....	70
(e) Total No. of Houses vacant awaiting demolition.....	89
(f) Total No. of Houses made fit or used as store.....	7
(g) Total No. of Houses still occupied.....	148

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47

No action was necessary during 1971 requiring the removal of persons in need of care and attention.

Section 50

No action was required to be taken under this section of the Act regarding burial.

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

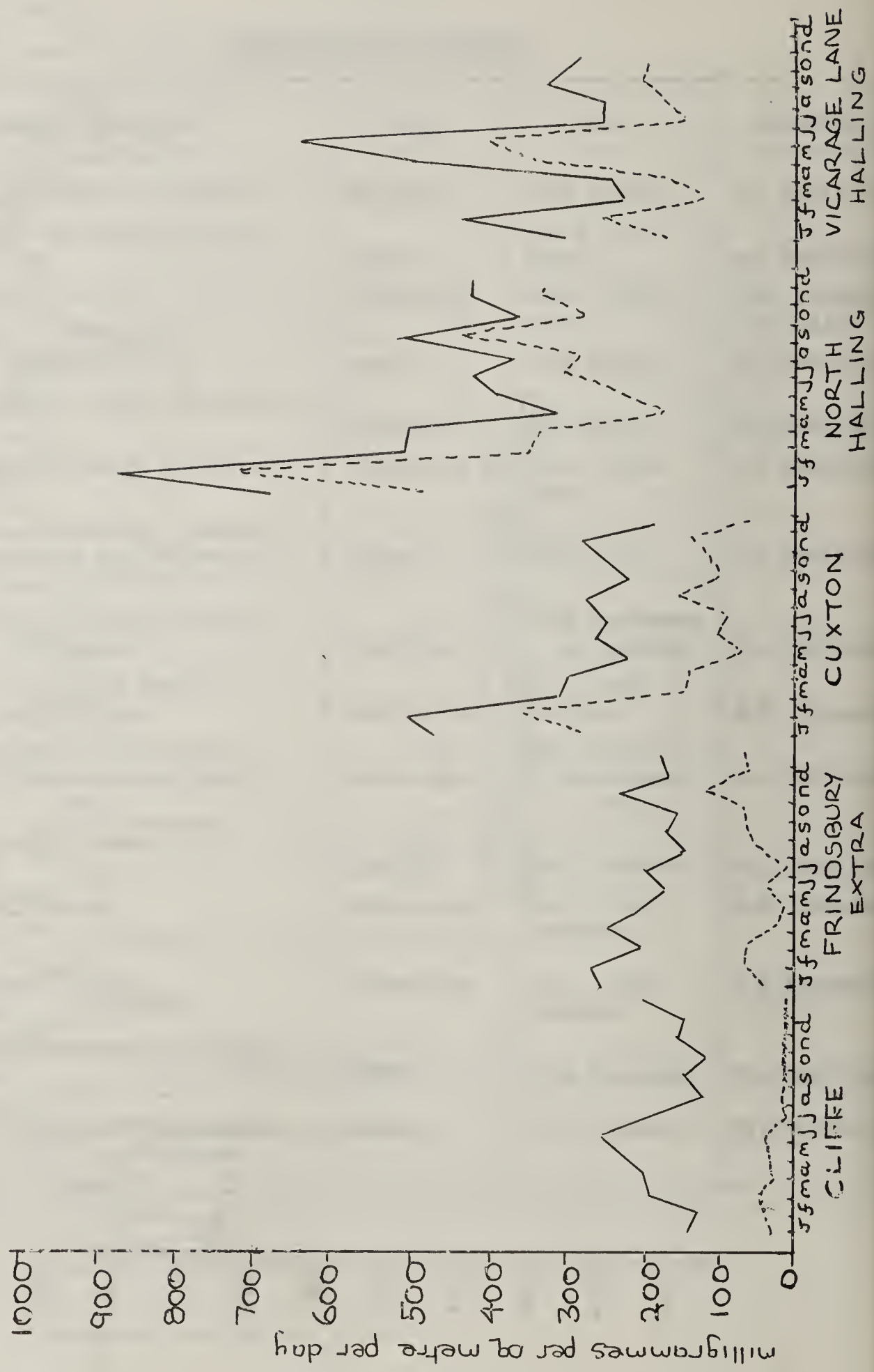
CONFERENCE OR COURSE	VENUE	DATE	ATTENDED BY:-
"Bacteriology & The G.P.-Course.	Maidstone	16th January	Dr. McWilliams
Chest & Heart Association Spring Conference.	London	2nd & 3rd March	Dr. McWilliams
Weekend School	Canterbury	26th - 28th March	D.J. Ainsley P.G. Hill
10th Annual Symposium.	London	25th March	Dr. McWilliams
Meeting "Control of Food from Farm to Table.	Weybridge	7th April	Dr. McWilliams
Royal Society of Health Conference	Eastbourne	20th - 22nd April	Dr. McWilliams
Royal Society of Health - meeting. "Reorganisation of the National Health Service.	London	29th July	Dr. McWilliams
Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene Conference.	Llandudno	27th September - 1st October	Dr. McWilliams
Association of Public Health Inspectors - Conference.	Eastbourne	4th - 8th October	D.W. Horncastle
Community Medicine, Canterbury - Course. (1 afternoon each week)	Canterbury	7th October - 27th January, 1972	Dr. McWilliams
Refresher Course, Society of M.O.H's.	London	29th October	Dr. McWilliams
Clean Air Conference.	Folkestone	2nd - 5th November	D.W. Horncastle
Senior Officers Course.	Folkestone	8th - 12th November	D.W. Horncastle
Chest & Heart Association Autumn Conference.	London	19th November	Dr. McWilliams
"Immunity & Infection" Symposium,	London	3rd November	Dr. McWilliams

DAILY READINGS OF SMOKE AND SULPHUR DIOXIDE FOR 1971



DEPOSITED MATTER

TOTAL SOLIDS ———
ESTIMATED CEMENT



ICE-CREAM

There are 118 premises registered for the retail sale of ice-cream. Ice-cream is not manufactured on the district.

MILK DISTRIBUTORS

There are 52 retailers and 3 producer/retailers registered as distributors of milk in the area and 3 dealers retailing in the area whose premises are not situated on the district.

The retailers, in general, are shop-keepers who sell sterilised milk only and no samples were taken during the year due to the fact that the milk sold in the district is sampled by adjacent authorities where the milk is bottled.

No. of visits under Public Health Acts

No. of Houses inspected.....	130
No. of other premises inspected.....	1,323
No. of re-inspections.....	301
No. of nuisances found.....	37
No. of nuisances abated.....	14
No. of informal notices served.....	23
No. of informal notices complied with.....	6
No. of statutory notices served.....	---
No. of statutory notices complied with.....	---
No. of inspections of caravans.....	111
No. of visits - refuse disposal.....	15
No. of inquiries in case of infectious disease.....	96
No. of visits re: disinfestation.....	---
No. of water samples taken.....	39

The following work was carried out following inspection

EXTERNAL

Accumulation of Refuse.....	1
Drains cleared.....	1
Drains repaired.....	1
Roofs repaired.....	2
Water pipes repaired.....	1

INTERNAL

Ceilings repaired.....	1
W.C. repaired.....	1

RENT ACT 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under the provisions of the above Act.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	<u>Standard Grants</u>	<u>Improvement Grants</u>
Applications received.....	54	16
Applications approved.....	50	13
Number of Houses on which improvement work was completed.....	36	2

HOUSING ACTS 1957/1961

During the year the following action was taken under the Housing Acts:-

No. of premises reported to Committee.....	12
No. of Demolition Orders made.....	3
No. of Undertakings given.....	10
No. of Houses made fit and Closing Order cancelled.....	1

A total of 40 dwellings were demolished in the district during 1971, 30 as a result of slum clearance, 8 for redevelopment, and 2 voluntarily by owners.

No. of Houses inspected.....	105
No. of re-inspections.....	243
No. of Houses visited for overcrowding.....	3
No. of miscellaneous housing visits.....	112

Filthy or verminous premises

No. of Houses inspected.....	4
No. of re-visits.....	1

SHOPS ACT, 1950

There are 223 shops in the area and during the year 159 inspections were made in connection with arrangements for the health and comfort of the shop workers, general cleanliness and, under delegated powers, Sunday trading, early closing and closing hours.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

505 visits were made to premises where food is sold or prepared for sale.

The only slaughterhouse in the district ceased to be used for regular slaughtering due to lack of slaughtermen and is now used for emergencies only. 45 visits were made during the year. The table on page 24 is for the six months from January to June when the slaughterhouse was used regularly.

MEAT INSPECTION

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	100	1	—	194	404	—
Number inspected	100	1	—	194	404	—
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	15	1	—	3	18	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	13.88%	1%	—	1.55%	4.45%	—
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

FOOD CONDEMNED

SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Bovine

10	Livers	Distomatosis
4	Livers	Abscesses
1	Liver	Angioma
1	Heart	Pericarditis

Pigs

4	Hearts	Pericarditis
7	Lungs	Pneumonia
1	Lungs	Pleurisy
2	Livers	Parasites
1	Heart	Peritonitis
1	Liver	Peritonitis
2 pairs	Lungs	Abscesses

Sheep

1	Hindquarter	Bruising
1	Head	Parasitic
1	Liver	Abscesses

FOOD CONDEMNED

Shops

1	tin	Jellied Veal.	Decomposition
33		Short Cut Ox Fore Ribs.	Decomposition & bone taint
20-	lbs.	New Zealand Lamb Kidneys.	Store stale
353-	lbs.	Scotch Beef	Decomposition
1		Chicken	Abnormality
6		Pigs Plucks	Decomposition
10-	lbs.	Australian Sheep Kidneys.	Store stale
16		Chickens	Decomposition
33	pkts.	Shortcake) Damaged packets or Leaking and/or blown cans
2	cartons	Yoghurt	
1	pkt.	Jelly	
14	tins	Peas	
8	tins	Tomatoes	
1	tin	Peaches	
1	tin	Apricots	
2	pkts.	Salt	
1	tin	Rice	
1	tin	Oranges	
6	tins	Orange juice	
1	tin	Malted Drink	
1	tin	Dried Milk	
1	tin	Peanuts	
5	tins	Pineapple	
1	tins	Steak	
4	tins	Beans	
1	tin	Peaches	
3	tins	Prunes	
6	pots	Jam	
2	tins	Mixed Vegetables	
4	pkts.	Porage Oats	
1	pkt.	Macaroni	
1	tin	Pie Filling	
1	tin	Tomato Juice	
1	pkt.	Cheese	
1	pkt.	Sugar	
1	tin	Potatoes	
1	tin	Cream	
6		Eggs	
2	tins	Grapefruit	
1	pkt.	Onions	
6	tins	Savouries	
1	tin	Soup	
1	tin	Liver Salts	
1	tin	Strawberries	
7-	lbs.	Bacon	
5-	lbs.	Ham	

Food condemned - continued

Shops

6	pkts.	Broccoli
8	pkts.	Spinach
3	pkts.	Onions
5	pkts.	Faggots
6	pkts.	Scampi
11	pkts.	Steaklets
6	pkts.	Beefburgers
6	pkts.	Minced Beef Pies
3	pkts.	Shepherds Pie
1	pkts.	Roast Pork
2	pkts.	Roast Chicken
1	pkt.	Sausage roll
10	pkts.	Steak & Kidney Pies
24	pkts.	Cod Steaks
22	pkts.	Golden Fish Portions
9	pkts.	Fish Cakes
6	pkts.	Fish & Chips
52	pkts.	Chips
24	pkts.	Cod fillets
18	pkts.	Fish fingers
6	pkts.	Haddock portions
12	pkts.	Plaice
3	pkts.	Buttered Smoked fillets
4	pkts.	Haddock fillets
6	pkts.	Kipper fillets
4	pkts.	Smoked Haddock
23		Trays of Meat
1		Chicken quarter
12		Rissoles
4	pkts.	Dressed Crab
23	pkts.	Pastry
2		Dairy Cream Sponges
24		Mousse
11		Grapefruit Juice
1		Orange Juice
9		Chickens
144-	lbs.	Ice-cream

Refrigerator

failure

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rats and Mice

2,286 inspections were carried out to all classes of premises under the provisions of the above Act.

Of 793 premises found to be infested the owners of 27 premises carried out disinfestation themselves and the Rodent Officer operated for the destruction of rats and mice at the remaining 766.

Wasp nests

A total of 132 wasp nests were destroyed during the year.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

There were 84 installations licensed to store petroleum spirit during the year and the premises licenced to store carbide of calcium numbered 6.

66 inspections were made during the year.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling
Officers within the STROOD RURAL DISTRICT during
the year ended 31st December, 1971.

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Milk	42	-
Butter, margarine, lard, cooking fats, cheese (including processed cheese) ..	6	-
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes... ..	15	1
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals.	16	2
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials.	3	1
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies.	4	1
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables.	5	-
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments	6	-
Drugs, medicines	7	2
Ice-cream... ..	3	-
Beer, wines, spirits	12	-
Miscellaneous... ..	11	-
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UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

Malt Loaf

Low chalk content. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Pork Pie

Crust affected by mould penicillium. Retailer cautioned.

Apple Pie

At Chatham Magistrates' Court on 11th October, 1971, T.B. and J.B. Winter, 7, Stoke Road, Hoo St. Werburgh, Rochester, Kent, pleaded guilty to selling an apple pie the crust of which was affected by mould Mucor contrary to Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Fined £20 with £5 costs.

Soft Drink

The bottle contained small fragments of broken glass. Manufacturer cautioned.

Home made Strawberry Jam

Below the required standard for soluble solids. Producer cautioned and follow-up sample to be taken.

Zinc and Castor Oil Cream (2 samples)

Below required standard in zinc oxide. Manufacturer advised and production discontinued.

PREScribed PARTICULARS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health -
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	NUMBER OF		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.....	6	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced.....	64	98	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises)	8	8	-	-
TOTALS	78	112	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found -

PARTICULARS	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.).....	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)...					
(a) Insufficient.....	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	2	2	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	4	-	1	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supp. lists	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
<u>Wearing Apparel</u> Making etc. cleaning and washing	83	-	-	-	-	-

PERSONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE
AREA OF STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Details supplied by courtesy of the
Kent County Medical Officer of Health,
Kent Director of Social Services and
Secretary of the Medway and Gravesend
Hospital Management Committee)

PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(Responsibility of Kent County Council under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946)

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance will be provided, except at the request of a doctor, hospital, or a midwife.

In cases of accident or emergency the telephone call is passed by the Post Office without delay to the ambulance station at Star Mill Lane, Chatham where it is dealt with immediately:-

Ambulance Stations in the area:-

	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Star Mill Lane, Chatham.	Medway 52201/2
Coldharbour Road, Northfleet	Gravesend 65257/8

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place, and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after, the birth, to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours, to the County Medical Officer of Health, Springfield, Maidstone. Postcards with prepaid postage for this purpose are supplied to medical practitioners, midwives, hospitals and maternity homes, upon application to the County Medical Officer, Springfield, Maidstone.

ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these clinics.
Post-natal examinations are carried out at ante-natal clinics.

Clinics for Strood Rural District:

Strood	-	K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	Thursday 10a.m. to 12 noon <u>Relaxation & Mothercraft:</u> Thursday 3.30p.m. - 5p.m.
Gravesend	-	Child Welfare Centre, (90(c), Wrotham Road, Gravesend.	<u>Relaxation & Mothercraft:</u> Wednesday 2 - 4p.m.
Gravesend	-	K.C.C. Clinic, 107, Rochester Road, Denton, Gravesend.	<u>Relaxation & Mothercraft:</u> Monday 7.00 - 9p.m.
Gravesend	-	K.C.C. Clinic, Whitehill Road, Kings Farm Estate, Gravesend.	<u>Relaxation & Mothercraft:</u> Wednesday 2 - 4p.m.

TUBERCULOSIS, SCHOOL CLINICS, DENTAL CLINICS, SPECIAL CLINICS

1. Tuberculosis

Medway Hospital,
Gillingham.

Monday to Friday
9a.m. - 5p.m.

Telephone No:

Medway 46111

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital,
Gravesend.

Wednesday - general clinic
Thursday morning refill clinic
Saturday morning 9 - 11a.m.
(children only)

Telephone No:

Gravesend 64333

2. School Clinics

K.C.C. Clinic,
Gun Lane, Strood.

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1st and 3rd Thursday 9 - 10a.m.
during school term.

2. School clinics - continued

90c, Wrotham Road,
Gravesend.

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Wednesday 9 - 10a.m.

Friday 9 - 10a.m. during school term.

3. Dental (children attend by appointment except in emergencies)

Elm House,
15, New Road Avenue,
Chatham.

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Monday to Friday

Gun Lane, Strood

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Monday to Friday

90c, Wrotham Road,
Gravesend.

-

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday

The mobile dental clinic visits schools in the area as circumstances permit.

4. Specialist (children attend by appointment)

Child Guidance

118, Maidstone Road,
Chatham.

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Telephone No:
Medway 42098

90c, Wrotham Road,
Gravesend.

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Telephone No:
Gravesend 62138

Ophthalmic

118, Maidstone Road,
Chatham.

-

Every Monday morning
Every Wednesday afternoon

Gravesend Hospital,
Gravesend.

-

Friday afternoons

90c, Wrotham Road,
Gravesend.

-

Monday and Thursday
mornings

Speech Defects

118, Maidstone Road,
Chatham

-

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

90c, Wrotham Road,
Gravesend.

-

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday.

Marlborough Road,
Gillingham.

-

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

These centres are open between 2 and 4 p.m. on the days given, except where otherwise indicated, for the purpose of giving advice on the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Certain infant foods, national dried milk and vitamin products may be obtained at these centres. Each clinic is attended by a Health Visitor, and by a Medical Officer of certain days.

Child Health Clinics for Strood Rural District -

Cliffe	- Village Hall,	1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays
Cobham	- The Meadow Rooms, The Street.	2nd Tuesdays
Cuxton	- Social Centre, Bush Road.	2nd & 4th Tuesdays (morning and afternoon)
Frindsbury Extra	- Memorial Hall, Holly Road, Wainscott.	Thursdays
Halling	- Church Hall, Vicarage Road.	1st & 3rd Fridays
Harvel	- Village Hall, Harvel, Meopham.	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Higham	- Village Memorial Hall, School Lane.	Every Friday
High Halstow	- Recreation Hall.	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Hoo St. Werburgh	- Village Hall.	Wednesdays - afternoons Thursdays - mornings
Isle of Grain	- Village Hall.	Every Wednesday
Meopham	- Village Hall.	Thursdays
Shorne	- Village Hall.	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Stoke	- British Legion Hall.	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Strood	- Gun Lane	Tuesdays & Wednesdays Thursdays 10a.m.- 12 noon

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY AND NURSING SERVICE

The County Council employs midwives to provide a maternity service as and when required, in conjunction with general practitioners and the local maternity hospitals.

The County Council provides similarly for the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes or elsewhere, such as a doctor's surgery. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor.

To promote closer working between the County Council's nursing services staff and the general practitioners concerned, each general medical practice, or group of practices, has attached to it a midwife and a nurse whose services can be arranged for by the patient's particular family doctor.

HEALTH VISITING SERVICE

The County Council appoints health visitors who give advice on the care of young children, to persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of certain infectious diseases.

Health visitors also undertake duties within the School Health Service. To obtain the services of the relevant health visitor for a particular parish in the Strood Rural District, a call should be made, before 10.00a.m. to the appropriate telephone number shown below:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Where Health Visitor is based</u>	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Meopham	K.C.C. Clinic, Whitehill Road, Kings Farm Estate, Gravesend.	Gravesend 4795
Cliffe/Cooling/ High Halstow/Shorne	K.C.C. Clinic, 107, Rochester Road, Gravesend.	Gravesend 65966
Allhallows/Isle of Grain/Stoke	(Health visitor is based at her own home)	Medway 77586
Remaining parishes in the Rural District	K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	Medway 79296

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND POLIOMYELITIS AND
IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

All medical practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme which gives free vaccination against poliomyelitis and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping-cough, tetanus and measles. These services are also available at child health clinics during the normal child health sessions.

Vaccines for protection against smallpox, poliomyelitis, diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis and diphtheria/tetanus, measles and rubella are supplied by the Health Department, Springfield, Maidstone (Telephone No. Maidstone 54371).

NURSING REQUISITES

Requests for the loan of nursing requisites should be made to the Area Nursing Officer, K.C.C. Clinic, Wayfield Road, Wayfield Estate, Chatham (Medway 47944). Some small items are available from the Medical Loan Depots of the British Red Cross Society as shown below:-

Rochester	-	British Red Cross Society, 67, High Street, Rochester, daily (except Wednesday) from 10.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. and 2.30p.m.-4.30p.m.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Medway 42997
Gravesend	-	British Red Cross Society 36, Pelham Road, Gravesend. Tuesday to Friday 3p.m. - 4p.m.	<u>Telephone No:</u> Gravesend 3235

Bed and bedding can be supplied to patients on the recommendation of a doctor. The recommendation should be sent to the Area Nursing Officer, address above.

CHIROPODY

Chiropody for the physically handicapped, old people and expectant mothers as follows:-

Welfare Centre, Wayfield Road, Chatham	-	by appointment (Wednesday morning only)
K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	-	by appointment (Monday, Thursday, Friday)
Elm House, 15, New Road Avenue, Chatham	-	by appointment (Monday and Tuesday)
Welfare Centre, Malling Road, Snodland.	-	by appointment (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday morning only)

SOCIAL SERVICES

HOME HELP SERVICE

Home help service may be provided in households where it is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally subnormal, aged, handicapped as a result of having suffered from illness or by congenital deformity or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary household duties.

Applications for help should be made to the Home Help Organiser, 13, Gun Lane Strood (Miss D. Dansie, Telephone No. Medway 77604) with the exception of residents in the Parishes of Cobham, Higham, Luddesdown, Meopham and Shorne who should apply to Miss J. Cook, County Offices, Windmill Street, Gravesend, (Telephone No. Gravesend 64701).

NIGHT AND EVENING SERVICE

Evening service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or housebound and have no-one to assist them to prepare for the night and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink and attention to fires. Night service is provided, for no longer than three weeks, unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

FAMILY CARE SERVICE

This service is provided for the short-term care of children in their own homes for illness or confinement or in other special circumstances. Help is given only to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

FAMILY WELFARE SERVICE

This service is provided, with the parents' consent, in households where the habits, behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together and prevent their break-up. Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-up service for nine months. In families where there is medical evidence of mental subnormality the continuance of the service after the initial period of three months may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Local Offices:-

Chatham Local Office,
Crown House,
The Brook, Chatham.

Telephone No:
Medway 44455

5, Castle Hill,
Rochester.

Telephone No:
Medway 42237

Gravesend Local Office,
"Ravenscourt",
Pelham Road,
Gravesend.

Telephone No:
Gravesend 64811

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospitals providing services normally available to medical practitioners for residents within the Strood Rural District are as follows:-

All Saints Hospital, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham.
(Telephone No. Medway 41212-5)

Maternity, Gynaecology, E.N.T., Paediatric, Geriatric,
Infectious Diseases, Psychiatric.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the
following specialities:

Paediatrics, Orthodontic, Gynaecology, E.N.T., Ante-natal,
Psychiatry and Consultant Dentistry.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, New Road, Rochester.
(Telephone No. Medway 41511-4)

Medical, Surgical, Paediatrics.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following
specialities:-

Dermatology, Neurology, Physical Medicine, Rheumatology,
Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Radiotherapy, Psychiatry,
General Surgery, General Medicine.

Hospital services - continued

Medway Hospital, Windmill Road, Gillingham.
(Telephone No. Medway 46111)

Medical, Surgical and Orthopaedic.

Orthopaedic outpatient clinic.
Rehabilitation department with outpatient clinics in
Physical Medicine.

St. William's Hospital, St. William's Way, Rochester.
(Telephone No. Medway 43243)

Post operative and Radiotherapy.

Keycol Hospital, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne.
(Telephone No. Newington 222)

Elderly sick and diseases of the chest.

Weekly clinic for chest diseases and for
General Medicine.

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital, Bath Street, Gravesend.
(Telephone No. Gravesend 64333)

Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Gynaecology,
Paediatric, Orthopaedic.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the
following specialities:-

Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Psychiatry, E.N.T.,
General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics,
Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Physical Medicine and Chest Diseases.

River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dartford.
(Telephone No. Dartford 23231)

Infectious diseases.

Milton Regis Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne.
(Telephone No. Sittingbourne 3168)

Geriatric (longer stay units)

Hospital Services - continued

St. James Hospital, Trafalgar Road, Gravesend.
(Telephone No. Gravesend 2139)

Geriatric (longer stay units)

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS

36, New Road, Rochester,
Telephone No. Medway 43343

Mondays 1.30p.m. - 4.30p.m.

Thursdays 10a.m. - 1p.m.

22, Cobham Street, Gravesend.
Telephone No. Gravesend 3061

Men 11a.m. - 1p.m. Tuesdays
9 - 10a.m. Saturdays

Women 1 - 2p.m. Tuesdays
9 - 10a.m. Saturdays

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<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Syphilis.....	2	-	2
Gonorrhoea.....	27	9	36
Other genital infections....	51	41	92
Other conditions.....	35	17	52
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TOTALS	115	67	182
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